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Red spies in the stacks

The United Nations library in New York has become a center of KGB espionage and disinformation efforts, according to a new Heritage Foundation study, "United Nations Library: Making Book Against the West." Heritage analyst Mark Huber discloses that director Lengvard Khitrov runs the library as a virtual Soviet fief and that KGB Col. Anatoly Mkrychyan, head of the U.N. Department of Public Information's External Relations Division, works closely with the library. Running the library has let Moscow:

- Evade U.S. travel restrictions. Past director Vladimir Orlov and his aides often traveled across the U.S., attending library conferences and shopping for classified papers. At least one U.N. "librarian" has been deported for such activities.

- Copy and send to the U.S.S.R. every library publication thought valuable, including U.S. government publications on such topics as microcircuits and microbiology

- Infuse a strong Soviet bias into the li-

brary's classification system. The "Aggression" file mentions one country: South Africa. "Censorship" lists two: Israel and South Africa. "Capitalism" has only 34 listings, including "Capitalism, The Second Crisis" and "Inequality, Crime, and Public Policy." "Socialism" features 112 listings, including "The Transition from Capitalism to Socialism" and "The CPSU in the Struggle for Unity of All Revolutionary and Peace Forces." Because the U.N. library system controls 327 depositories worldwide, an entire generation of scholars, even in fiercely anti-Communist countries, has unwittingly imbibed such disinformation.

Despite American subsidies of \$5 million a year, the U.S. State Department has remained quiet about these outrages. This "rat-hole for Soviet spies," as one U.S. diplomat called it, should be shut down, and Washington should withhold its subsidy until Mr. Khitrov and his fellow spies are sacked and replaced with neutral bureaucrats.